

## TAFT SENTIMENT GROWS IN CALIFORNIA

Prospect Now That He Will Carry  
the Primary Election  
in May.

### OPPOSITION TO ROOSEVELT

Republican Leaders Organize to Secure  
the Renomination of the  
President.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Backed by the business interests of the State President Taft, it is predicted by political observers, will defeat Col. Roosevelt at the coming primary election on May 14 and secure the California delegation to the Chicago convention. Had the primary been held two weeks ago, Roosevelt might have carried the State by a large majority.

With the support of Gov. Johnson and the political organization he led to victory in the last State election, the Colonel at the opening of the primary campaign seemed a likely winner. At first it seemed that the State machine, which the Governor has carefully built up, could be used to advantage in the present contest. Roosevelt was personally popular in California, although he had alienated many of his admirers by his action in the Japanese school question during his last year in the White House.

Not long after the Colonel's announcement that he would accept the nomination if it were tendered to him and before Gov. Johnson opened the Roosevelt campaign, a decided change took place. From all parts of the State came announcements by men who had supported Johnson in his State campaign that they could not follow him in his advocacy of the nomination of Roosevelt for a third term. The Lincoln-Roosevelt League, the title under which Gov. Johnson's supporters were organized, made an attempt to hold its members in line for the primary election, but from all parts of the State came resignations of leading members.

The league was organized for the definite purpose of breaking the power of the so-called Republican machine of the State which had been controlled by certain corporate interests and it accomplished its purpose. But as soon as its work was done, the organization fell apart and the attempt of the Governor to use it in the interests of Roosevelt disclosed the fact that there was nothing left of the league but the name.

The Taft leaders then began a systematic campaign about the end of February to place California in the Taft column at the Chicago convention. Col. Charles M. Hammond, a leader of the up-country Republicans, was among the first to declare himself in favor of the renomination of the President. He declared that a refusal to nominate Taft would be suicidal on the part of the Republicans.

With Hammond as chairman a meeting was held in this city which was attended by practically all the Republican veterans of the northern part of the State. At this meeting the Taft Progressive Republican League was formed. The list of members of this league reads like a directory of Republican leaders. It contains the names of the editors of three of the four Republican papers of this city and scores of the men who made possible the election of Gov. Johnson. The general sentiment was:

"We will show the Governor that he does not carry the progressive vote of California in his vest pocket."

The platform adopted by the Taft Republicans declared for the renomination of the President because he was elected as a progressive to carry out the policies of his predecessor and because he "has expressed all the powers of his office to fulfill the obligations implied by his accession to Mr. Roosevelt." It praised the President's attitude on the tariff question, and declared that "there is a strong tendency to divert the Republican party from its fundamental principles, but we believe that the welfare of the United States will be best promoted by adherence to the policies of the party under which the country has always prospered." It also asserted that the probability of the election of Taft was stronger than that of any other candidate.

Following the organization of the Taft league here, branches were formed in Los Angeles, Stockton, Fresno and scores of other cities and towns throughout the State. It is planned to extend the league to every county and township. It is significant that although the State offices are held to a great extent by men who were elected on the ticket with Gov. Johnson they are not inclined to get into the fight for Roosevelt. On the other hand, the Federal Government throughout the State, although barred from offensive partisanship, are almost uniformly at work in behalf of the President.

The Columbus speech of Roosevelt caused many of the former supporters of the Colonel to declare their allegiance to Taft. This was particularly true of the business element. That address will cost Roosevelt thousands of votes at the coming primary. Nine out of every ten Republican papers in the State are supporting the President. The Taft press has made good use of the Roosevelt pledge not to seek nor accept a third term.

There are thousands of Republicans who would have given their votes to La Follette that will not vote for Roosevelt at the primary. Previous to the departure of Gov. Johnson on his recent trip to Oyster Bay it was said by his friends that he would announce the transfer of his support from La Follette to Roosevelt soon after his arrival in New York. It was also said that the Governor regards himself as the best available running mate for Roosevelt in the event of the Colonel's nomination. The expected announcement of the transfer of allegiance from La Follette to Roosevelt came as was predicted, but the Governor failed to carry with him the friends of the Wisconsin Senator. The radical Republicans will cast their votes at the primary for La Follette. Their votes will cut down the Roosevelt vote by thousands.

The women will play an important part in the primary election and they are strong for Taft. Taft clubs composed of women have been formed in many towns, while at this time there is not a single women's Roosevelt club in the State so far as has been recorded.

### LIVING MOVING PICTURES.

Novel Show Being Arranged for Benefit of Stonywood Sanatorium.

For the benefit of Auxiliary 13 of the Stonywood Sanatorium a living moving picture show will be given at the Plaza on the evening of April 15. Miss Zoe Hannah will organize a living Pugh and Judy show, while the "films" of the moving picture show will be under the charge of Miss Elizabeth Reed and Miss Mary Meyer. There will also be some groups of wax works with living subjects, which will be posed by Miss Ida Kissel and Miss Alice Blinn. The show promises to be an amusing entertainment. The executive committee will include Mrs. Theron White, Mrs. George St. Franklin, the Misses Alice W. Widdell, Katherine Crane, Alice Fox, Eleanor Hinton, Gertrude Pardee, Ina Kissel and Helen R. Sloan.

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## WILES OF REALTY MEN IN QUEENS BOROUGH

President Connolly Says Some  
Way Should Be Devised to  
Check Their Deceit.

### NEW MAP IS PROGRESSING

Pleads for Levying Improvement Assessments Upon the Entire City.

The need of legislation to keep overzealous real estate agents in order was emphasized at the weekly City Club luncheon yesterday by Borough President Maurice E. Connolly of Queens, who spoke at length of the improvements going on in Queens and who said that a law should be passed to force the real estate developer to submit his layout to the city for approval before submitting it to prospective customers.

"Many have been the victims of the wiles of these real estate men," he said, "who prepare the most attractive layouts and who make it seem in some marvellous manner that the prospective home is not more than a few minutes ride from the heart of Manhattan while as a matter of fact it may be nearer a hundred miles away. The population of Queens is largely composed of people whose average income is \$1,000 a year, and many of them have been badly crippled by the misrepresentations of the landscape architect."

President Connolly then outlined the misfortunes of the suburbanite who has yielded to the temptation of "having a home of his own." After getting this home on a mortgage he said, somebody comes along with a petition for an improvement, which is promptly signed, and in a short time the new householder has to pay an improvement tax that forces him to stop payment on the mortgage and in many cases to lose the property altogether.

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Miss Conway Honored by the Pope. Miss Katherine Conway, who for a period of twenty years was of the editorial staff of the Boston Pilot, and now is literary editor of the Republic of Boston, and a member of the faculty of St. Mary's College at Notre Dame, Ind., has had the decoration "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" conferred upon her by Pope Pius. The decoration carries with it an insignia in the shape of a gold cross of exquisite design and accompanying it is a parchment bearing the signature of Pius X. The cross and the parchment were brought to America from Rome by the Very Rev. Andrew Mortimer, O. S. B.

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